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New Web Page Launched: A Day in Washington without the WSP

Ever wonder what would happen if the entire staff, approximately 2000 employees of the Washington State Patrol all took the day off? Today, the WSP launched a page on its Web site that answers that question. The web page may be viewed by going to www.wsp.wa.gov and clicking on the button that says "A Day without the WSP."

"We really enjoyed going through this exercise," explained WSP Chief Lowell M. Porter. "It gave our entire staff an opportunity to learn more about what each WSP bureau accomplishes in the course of a day. Often, we all focus on goals that are months out, even years out and we forget that in our day to day work, much is accomplished to be proud of," he said.

For example, if WSP employees were not working today: 1,610 people who were either aggressively driving, driving under the influence or speeding would not be pulled over, leaving ourselves, our friends and families in danger; 4,779 calls for help through 911 centers would not be processed; 1,268 grams of marijuana, 14 grams of heroin and 5 grams of methamphetamine would not be seized on our roadways; 475,393 students would be passengers on school buses not inspected for safety; 2,069 background checks would not be performed; 52,500 children would be in child care centers not inspected for safety; 398 motorists stranded on the side of the road would not get help; and 5 DNA cases would not be analyzed, leaving victims and their families with no resolution for crimes committed against them.

The complete listing of "A Day without the WSP" is found on the Web site www.wsp.wa.gov.

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